

VIRGINIA



GAZETTE.

Open to ALL PARTIES,

but influenced by NONE.

Mr. RIND,

AT first I intended to address this paper to the worthy society to the northward, as a respectful acknowledgment of the honour they had done me in publishing my letter to Col. Francis Lee, on the subject of the weevil moth, or fly, among their own judicious labours to serve mankind, designing thereby to give it as a supplement to that letter; but recollecting that I had an occasion, not long ago, to resolve against subjecting myself again to the unwillingness of any printer, to insert in his Gazette a piece of length without an extraordinary fee for so doing, I determined to send it into the world as little supported as possible, with either arguments, observations, or experiments: I could not therefore see how it could wear the complexion of a supplement, which should, to be sure, contain so much of the subject as would explain what might have been omitted, or had been in the least defective in the first publication; and this I believe could hardly have been effected, without being something disagreeable as to its length; therefore, although it is really a conclusion of all my enquiries into the natural history of that moth, and as such is to communicate to the public what I think will be a certain prevention of all future injury from them in our wheat crops, the kind reader must suggest to himself the reasonableness of the facts advanced, depending on my honour for the truth of them. And if any Gentleman shall be desirous to know how I have reasoned upon them myself, I shall be always ready to satisfy any fair querist, who shall give his name, in print, with his request.

When I wrote that letter to Colonel Lee I could only, from some few discoveries then made of the nature of this moth, *surmise* that there must be some brood of these flies, between the time of their coming out of the dry grain, left eaten up in our barns, &c. (which generally happens from the latter end of July to the end of September, or something later, according as they may be hastened or retarded, in their hatching, by the weather) and their going into the new crop of wheat in the field the June following, when the husks of the grain is opening to receive its impregnating male dust, that bloom which we see on the ears of the wheat. But a more accurate attention to the insect has confirmed that surmise into a fact, almost impossible, in the nature of things, to be denied. I say I have found this moth to be of the same class with the silkworm fly, which every body (entertaining themselves with its progress in spinning the silk) must know that it never attempts, after its change to a fly, to take in any sustenance whatever; and it is then only concerned to copulate, male and female, to impregnate with a new stock of eggs, for a continuance of its own species; and as soon as those eggs are laid, the parent fly immediately dies. Just so have I found it to be with these weevil moths; from whence I deduce the impossibility that the same small fly should live through such a series of time, with frequently much hard winter weather, when flies, really much larger and stronger in their forms, and even those that do feed, are so benumbed as to die, when not properly sheltered, even in our dwelling-houses, not quite so subject to the weather as our granaries and barns generally are, and deposit those eggs, so long before impregnated, in the new wheat in June. How inconsistent then was a late piece of advice, given in our papers to the farmers, to clear out their barns, &c. to preserve their crops from the injuries of these moths! Just as if such a small speck of a barely animated dust, evidently quite helpless, and only winged to provide for the continuance of its own species, could be possessed with the grinders of an ox, or an ass, to browse upon the trash, or straw, left within those barns, &c. This absurdity, or rather impossibility, I say, confirmed me as to this intermediate brood; but where to fix upon for a nidus proper for these moths to lay their eggs in, baffled, for some time, every prudent conjecture; for although the discovery of that nidus, promised even to the commonest sense, that by the means of removing that nidus such an interruption to their actual course of instinct would be given, as effectually to destroy the whole race of those moths; yet I say, as there was but one plausible circumstance to direct the enquiry after this nidus, that of it certainly being of the farinaceous kind, constantly employed as I was, every leisure time, in thinking on the matter, I could not hit upon it, till mere accident befriended me with the discovery.—Intending to try the James river me-

thod of growing wheat in my corn fields, I went into one of them in the month of August that year, and whilst the seedman was casting the grain, I was struck with vast numbers of these flies, exceedingly busy about the young ears of corn, then just silking, to catch the farina, or male dust, as it fell from the tassels, for the impregnation of its own grain. This led me instantly to the house in that field where this seed wheat was deposited; and there, though it was a grain brought from the upper parts of the country, not till that year ever known to be disturbed with these moth weevils, and although it was a house that never had had one grain of any kind before on it, from its first building, I saw mere clouds of these moths coming out of the house, and making their way to this corn in the field. Such an accident suggested to me at once the real proper nidus which I had been so long in quest of, which led me to prove it by experiment, as soon as the corn should harden a little. By projecting an artificial hatching temperature of warmth, moisture, and air, combined, although, in a winter season, I gained a joyous satisfaction as to many things which I had before conjectured and advanced on the subject of this fly: First, that our Indian corn was their nidus for this intermediate brood. Secondly, the reason why we have not been as much injured by them in our corn as we have been in our wheat, was certainly a providential act, in forming the growth of the corn; for as the corn is then in its silking state, the fluck, as we call it, is so closely involuted to the ear, except where the silk makes its appearance, that it was impossible for an insect, incapable of entering or perforating any kind of substance, which could by its texture give the least resistance, to get farther down the ear than the few top layers at or near the extremity of the fluck, through which the silk appears. And this, I think, determines against the favoured assertion of the moth's sticking its eggs on the hard grain, and not in its milky state. Lastly, this hatching experiment convinced me that, for want of a proper pabulous nidus, at that irregular time of hatching, all these untimely raised moths would and did die. Indeed, the outer air let in would have done that business; but I chose to see them in their own course of instinct, and after the progress of copulating was over, each fly, prepared to remove, but prevented, died.

The application of this discovery was quite easy; for by removing the corn of that field, when it was fit together, to a house at the distance of about a mile from the field, then become the wheat field, I had not a fly in or about that crop. The next year I tried a less distance between my corn houses and my wheat fields; for I was fond of ascertaining that particular, if possible, that I might complete the use really to be made of the discovery, as I was convinced of the very short flight of these moths, or flies, both from observation, and, indeed, reason; as to be sure such a trifling form, from nature quite unassisted with food, could not sustain any long flight; and that crop proved fine, and untouched by the weevil, at the distance of three quarters of a mile, though my neighbours about me had their crops nearly destroyed with them. But how could I expect it to be otherwise, when the least reflection must satisfy every man that such a method would be the destruction of both egg and bird, as the saying is? Could the crop, sown in 1771, be fairly brought in proof of this success, as I had made it for a third experiment, I should here mention it; but knowing that great rains, accidentally falling at the time these moths are either going from the corn houses to the wheat fields in June, or when they are going from the granaries, &c. to the corn fields about August; for the proper nidus to lay their eggs in will so certainly destroy all or most of them, till they encrease again in a course of years, that I shall not mention it as a proof, nor, indeed, wonder that the rains in August and September, 1771, whilst the corn was silking, have so befriended the farmers, as to have their crops free from such damage. But should they again get ahead, as we may call it, this easy method proposed will, I am confident, prevent their injuring us again.—Here let me obviate those questions that have been, and probably will be again, inconsiderately asked, where Gentlemen do not take in the whole of any plan proposed to reason upon, and start doubts about. The answers will save length by explaining, and not repeating, the questions. "Suppose these flies should be brought in again among us, as they were at first, by an overfondness for a particular seed wheat from abroad,

this method, carefully pursued, must prevent their doing any mischief. For though the moth should be just leaving the grain that is sown, and though the then growing corn should be a nidus for that brood, yet, by removing the corn when ripe, to a distant house, the produce of that brood, when hatched, cannot, on account of the distance, get to the wheat field in June to lay their eggs in that crop, and do their mischief, and in such case they must all die. Observe when the silkworm fly lays its eggs on paper, an improper nidus; to be sure, through the want of present food to feed the caterpillars hatched from those eggs, those caterpillars must die, unless they are assisted with food by the softer hand of art. Observe again when those eggs on paper are, by a proper temperature of weather, suffered to hatch before the leaves, designed by nature for their food, are put out, those worms all certainly perish. Does not reason then tell us the same thing with respect to this moth? To be sure it does." Again, "although these moths are in countries where none of our Indian corn is grown, the very continuance of them there must demonstrate that there is some late blooming growth of a farinaceous kind, proper for a pabulous nidus, for this intermediate brood; and the impossibility of the same fly's being the parent of that brood laid in the wheat in June, must remain uncontradicted by any kind of reason, but such which cannot blush at the absurdities that lie in its way. It would then only be removing the produce of that late blooming growth to save the crop. And unless those countries had no common genius, as well as no Indian corn, cultivating amongst them, I should think, with the clue of reasoning which I have here given, that it would be a very easy task to find out this late blooming growth, to stop the progress of this moth weevil in the usual course of its own instinct."

I will now hope that there cannot be any need (in this matter of the weevil moth or fly) for any further enquiry after a *recluse* life; but that every farmer will *utere hic mecum*, as the saying is; for if there is such a thing as a moral certainty arising from reason and experience, I am confident they are all in favour of the success of this plan.

Pythagoras is reported to have sacrificed a more hecatomb, and Archimedes represented to be quite lost in the transports of an *Ecceus*, for discovering which, though great and truly informing in themselves, yet I may venture to assert that they never can be rated at half the essential benefit to the human species as the destruction of this little insect will be, when we consider the food of so many numberless millions that will be preserved by it. Can it then be a vanity in any one sense of the word, in any man, that shall glory in such a discovery? For my part I always wish for opportunities to feel with such a pleasing sensibility, such a happy discharge of my duty, as an individual, by any real service done to the community I live in, and more so, when it shall probably be done to the whole world. For I am greatly mistaken, in my conceptions of things, if every religious requisition does not gravitate to that universal center of true virtue, the happiness of mankind!

I am, Sir, to my country, and to the whole race of mankind, according to their appointed subordinations, a most devoted servant.

LONDON CARTER.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough.

My Lord,

THE resignation of so important an employment as your Lordship lately filled with such distinguished abilities, though a circumstance extremely interesting to the nation at large, affects the whole body of merchants connected with the commerce of the British colonies in a very particular manner, and calls upon them to bear a public testimony to your character.

During your Lordship's continuance in office, the merchants were received with the utmost respect at your board, and experienced every attention that could justly engage their esteem; they found the mutual prosperity of the Mother country and her dependencies, the unalterable object of your attention, and even in any speculative points where the Minister differed from their opinion, they always retired highly charmed with the politeness of the man.

The merchants connected with the commerce of the colonies, my Lord, do not feel more gratitude for the distinction with which they were treated, while you held the American secretaryship of state,

than admiration for the motives which induced you to resign it.

They do not mean, my Lord, to enter at all into the political rectitude of their motives, the liberality of them is sufficient for their purpose, and it gives them unspeakable satisfaction that their gracious Sovereign himself has honoured them with an exalted proof of his royal approbation.

The Gentlemen, my Lord, who now address your Lordship, would feel your loss with an aggravated sensibility, if the well known integrity of your successor did not furnish them with ample consolation. In that integrity they repose great confidence, and are persuaded that your Lordship's example will lead every board which the merchants have occasion to attend, to merit a like encomium from so considerable a part of the community.

To which his Lordship was pleased to give the following answer.

Gentlemen,
I AM truly sensible of this very obliging and honourable mark of your attention to me in my present situation.

Your approbation of my poor endeavours to promote the King's service, and the joint interests of this kingdom and her colonies, administers great consolation to me at a time when I have found myself under the disagreeable necessity of relinquishing the service of a most gracious master, for whom I entertain the most dutiful and respectful affection, of giving up my share in administration, whose principles and measures I in general approve, and in quitting an office which, in some degree, constituted me agent for the merchants of Great Britain, and was in many respects most pleasing and desirable to me.

I am happy on your account, as well as that of the public, in the integrity and ability of my successor, whose amiable character and disposition cannot fail to give universal satisfaction.

WILLIAMSBURG, November 19.

This Day died, at his House in York, after a lingering illness, the Honourable WILLIAM NELSON, Esquire, President of his Majesty's Council of Virginia, in the 61st Year of his Age. As a Magistrate his Abilities were unrivalled: Justice, Humanity, and Impartiality, dictated all his Decisions; and as a Man he was an Ornament to his Species. His Breast, animated by a general Philanthropy, each Day was counted lost, that was not marked by some Act of Benevolence. By his Death the Public are deprived of a useful Member, his Family of an affectionate Husband, a tender Parent, and an indulgent Master, his Friends of the sensible and polite Companion, and the Poor of a Benefactor, whose Counsel assisted, and Liberality softened, all the Rigours of their Situation.

"None e'er to him of Fortune's Frowns complain'd,
"Who went away unhear'd, or unsustain'd."

Grown old in all the well earned Honours which his Country could bestow, and still more conspicuous for his Virtues than his exalted Station, he beheld the Close of Life like the Christian and Philosopher, and gladly exchanged the imperfect fleeting Pleasures of this frail State for the more permanent Joys of Immortality.

On the 9th Instant died Mr. WILLIAM TEMPLEMAN, Merchant of Fredericksburg. He was a Gentleman of a very fair Character, and much esteemed by all his Acquaintance.

To be SOLD, at the Rocky Ridge, on Tuesday the 15th of December,

ALL that exceeding fine plantation, and tract of land, belonging to the subscriber, lying at the falls of James river, in Chesterfield county, containing upwards of 2000 acres, which, on account of its richness and situation, is deservedly esteemed the most valuable plantation in this colony, and equal to any in America. It is in good order for cropping; about 250 acres of it are sowed in wheat this fall, from which may be expected to be reaped at least 5000 bushels. There is a very good dwelling-house on it; and although it has been thought the low grounds were much injured by the great fresh, yet the present crop, which was planted where the fresh was supposed to do most damage, is as flourishing as could be wished for. Any person inclined to purchase may satisfy himself, by viewing and examining it before the sale. The tobacco warehouses at the Rocky Ridge, the profitable ferries on each side of the river, and the very valuable fishery, known by the name of Sandy Bar, with several of the one hundred acre lots in Henrico county, will then also be offered for sale.—At the same time and place will be sold, upwards of a hundred fine SLAVES, among which are many valuable tradesmen; also the stocks of cattle, horses, &c. belonging to the falls plantation. Twelve months credit will be allowed for the whole. Bond and good security to be given by all the purchasers of the lands, slaves, and stocks; and the bonds to carry interest from the date, if not discharged when due.

W. BYRD,
And his TRUSTEES.

To be SOLD, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on Monday the 14th of December next, if fair, if not, the next fair day,

A VERY valuable PLANTATION on Roanoke, in Mecklenburg county, about 65 miles from Petersburg, and known by the name of Black's ferry; about 250 acres of which are remarkably fine low grounds, and well adapted for growing good tobacco, a very good natural meadow, and a fine range for all manner of stocks. There is at the place a public ferry, established by act of Assembly, already very valuable, and promises to be as much so as any on the river, being thought the nearest from Petersburg, Blandford, &c. to the large tobacco settlements in Bute county, and other places of North Carolina. A considerable time will be given for payment, and the terms made known at the day of sale. At the same time and place will be sold, a quantity of corn, fodder, &c. on twelve months credit. Bond and security will be required. WILLIAM BLACK.

To be SOLD, at public vendue, for the benefit of the insurers, at the Swan tavern, in Falmouth, on Thursday the 26th of this instant (November)

SUNDRY damaged GOODS, consisting of Negro cottons, duffils, and duffil blankets, bearskins, and striped linseys, &c. imported in the Pompey, Capt. James Yeoman, from Hull.

WILLIAM LOVE.

To be SOLD, the first day of January next, on the dwelling plantation of the late Mrs. Thomas Edwards, of Northumberland county;

ALL the NEGROES, STOCK, and HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, belonging to the said estate. Credit will be allowed till the 25th of April next, the purchasers giving bond, and approved security to THE EXECUTOR.

To be SOLD, at Fauquier courthouse, on Tuesday the 15th of December next,

EIGHTY FOUR choice SLAVES, thirty of them very fine Africans, and the remainder Virginia born. The credit that will be given for the greatest part of them will be one half in January next, and the other half next June twelvemonth, with interest from the date, if not paid punctually. About twenty of them must be sold for ready money, or very short credit. The public may depend that the above number of slaves will be there that day, let the weather be ever so bad, and an undoubted title made the purchasers by JOHN HAWKINS.

FOR SALE,

A VALUABLE tract of LAND in Hanover county, adjoining the seat of Mr. John Skelton, containing 337 acres, on which are necessary houses for a plantation, in good order for cropping; there is on the said land a fine place for a meadow, a creek running through it. Likewise a good apple and peach orchard. Credit will be given till June for one hundred and fifty pounds, and June twelvemonth the balance, with bond, and approved security. I likewise propose selling the place I purchased of Mr. Smith, the tract containing 212 acres, with a good dwellinghouse, kitchen, storehouse, stable, barn, &c. The terms may be known by applying to the subscriber. I also beg the favour of those indebted to me to make payment; and those who have any demands are desired to make them known.

JOHN THORNTON.

For SALE immediately, altogether, or in parcels,

TWELVE HUNDRED acres of LAND in Suffolk county, seven miles below the courthouse, adjoining Nottoway river for about one mile, which affords plenty of fish, and makes near 100 acres of low grounds, well stocked with cypress, and other timber. In the banks are plenty of shells, very good for lime. Great part of the high lands are rich, and fit for tobacco, which is not common in that part of the country. Mr. Benjamin Clemonds, Mr. John Hoopes, and Mr. James Balfour, will shew the lands, and treat with those who are inclinable to purchase, as also the subscriber at Newcastle.

J. SYME.

TO BE SOLD,

TWO LOTS in the town of Falmouth, which are very convenient for a private family, and may be easily made so to a merchant or ordinary keeper, for either of which they are well situated, being contiguous to the warehouse. They may be entered on next April, from which time the purchaser may have credit for two or three years, on giving bond and security for the payment, with interest to be paid annually. If no purchaser should offer before Christmas, I will rent the same on reasonable terms, which may be known by applying to Mr. James Buchanan, who lives on the premises, or to the subscriber.

WILLIAM KNOX.

STRAYED from the subscriber, at Mr. Boswell's ordinary, in Dinwiddie, about the 10th of April last, a sorrel horse, about 4 feet 9 inches high, with a blaze in his face, and some saddle spots near his shoulders, branded on one of his shoulders HC in a piece, and trots and gallops. Whoever will bring or contrive the said horse to me in Amelia, in the fork of Great Nottoway, shall have FORTY SHILLINGS, or to Capt. James Boisseau, in Dinwiddie, shall receive THIRTY SHILLINGS.

THOMAS BALL, jun.

On the third Thursday in December next will be sold at King William courthouse, at public auction,

A VERY valuable tract of LAND, known by the name of Tuckerman's, and lying a little below Ruffin's ferry, on Pamunkey river. By a late survey the high land belonging to this tract amounts to 650 acres, and adjoining to it are upwards of a thousand acres of exceeding valuable marsh, which may, with great ease, be reclaimed. If any person, having an inclination to purchase the said land, chuses to view the same, he is desired to apply either to Mr. Holt Richeson, or to Mr. William Claiborne, who live near, and will shew the land, and its bounds.—As some doubts have arisen formerly about the legal conveyance of this land, it is necessary to say, that at the day of sale all the mortgagees will concur in the disposal of it, as well as the proprietor, and the purchaser may rely on having an indisputable title. The time of payment will be made known on the day of sale.

To be SOLD, at Urbanna, on Monday the 28th of December (being Middlesex court day) if fair, if not, the next fair day,

ALL the personal estate of David Ker, Esquire, deceased, consisting of several valuable Virginia born SLAVES, a great variety of household and kitchen furniture, all new, and many of the packages not yet opened; also several horses, and a single chair. Credit will be given till the first day of October next, on giving bond, with approved security; the bonds that are not discharged when due, to bear interest from the date. There is a large and well chosen collection of LAW, PHYSICAL, and other books, which will be sold by private sale.—All persons having any demands against the said estate are requested to bring them in, that they may be discharged; and those that are indebted are desired to pay the same to Mr. William Graham, or to the subscriber, as no indulgence can be given. JAMES GREGORIE, Executor.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has opened a TAVERN in the town of Alexandria, on Water street, in the house where Mr. Andrew Wales formerly lived, where all Gentlemen travellers, and others, who please to favour him with their company, will meet with good entertainment both for themselves and horses.

JOSEPH COURTS.

ANY one inclinable to purchase four half acre LOTS at the falls, viz. No. 383, on the north side. No. 618, on the north side of James river, No. 47, on the south side of ditto, and No. 136, on the same side of ditto, may know the terms by applying to the printer hereof. The tickets are at present lost, or mislaid, but the property will be fully ascertained, and an indubitable title made to the purchaser.

FALMOUTH, November 5, 1772.

STRAYED, or stolen, from the subscriber, about a month ago, a sorrel mare, about 15 hands high, a star in her forehead, hanging mane and switch tail, seven years old next spring, can pace, though her natural gait is a trot, she is of the English breed, and remarkably long in the neck and back, had shoes on her fore feet, drags her hind hoofs much, branded on the near shoulder and far buttock WA in a piece, the letters about two inches long, and on the near buttock O, very small. I believe she is with foal. Whoever delivers her to me, in Falmouth, shall receive FORTY SHILLINGS.

WILLIAM ALLASON.

CARTER'S DOUBLE MILL, Westmoreland, Nov. 15.
WANTED here a BAKER well skilled in the art of making both white and brown biscuit. Any person, thus qualified, may know the wages that will be given, either by applying to the printer of this paper, or to HENRY FRANKS.

STRAYED in the beginning of October last, from Richmond town, a bright bay horse, about 15 hands high, trots and gallops, and draws well in a chair, has many saddle spots about his shoulders, and is branded on the near buttock 31. Whoever returns him shall receive TWENTY SHILLINGS.

JAMES OGILVIE.

TAKEN up, in Buckingham, a black horse, about 4 feet 6 inches high, with a star in his forehead, and branded on the near shoulder and buttock S. Posted, and appraised to 6l.

JOSEPH CABELL.

TAKEN up, in Amherst, on Rucker's run, a bay mare, about 4 feet 10 inches high, shod before, branded on the off shoulder IS, has a hanging mane and switch tail, a small saddle spot near her withers, and has on an old bell. Posted, and appraised to 12l.

JOHN DEPRIEST.

TAKEN up, in Westmoreland, a white horse, about 9 years old, 13 hands high, and branded on the near buttock with somethink resembling Q. Posted, and appraised to 6l.

JOHN PRICE.

TAKEN up, in King William, four head of cattle, viz. one red and white cow, a red heifer, with a white flank, one ditto with a white face, and one dark yearling, marked with an overkeel and underkeel in the left ear, and a crop and underkeel in the right. Posted, and appraised to 6l.

BENJAMIN TEMPLE.

By AUTHORITY.
At the THEATRE in WILLIAMSBURG, on Monday
the 23d of this instant (November)
Will be exhibited, by Mr. GARDINER,
A CURIOUS SET OF FIGURES,
richly dressed, four feet high; they are to appear on
the stage as if alive, and will perform a tragic per-
formance, called

BATEMAN AND HIS GHOST.
LIKEWISE A SET OF
WATERWORKS,
representing the SEA, and all manner of SEA
MONSTERS sporting on the waves. With the
taking of the

HAVANNAH,
with ships, forts, and batteries, continually firing, un-
til victory crowns the British forces; with the ap-
pearance of the two armies. To which will be added,
a magnificent piece of MACHINERY, called
CUPID'S PARADISE,
representing seventy odd PILLARS and COLUMNS,
with the appearance of NEPTUNE and AMPHITRITE,
and music suitable thereto. The whole to conclude
with a magnificent set of FIREWORKS, such as
caterine wheels, Italian candles, sea fountains, and
sun flowers with the appearance of the sun and moon
in their full lustre.

Mr. Gardiner will extend himself between two
chairs, and suffer any of the company to break a stone
of two hundred weight on his bare breast.

TICKETS to be had at the THEATRE, which are
3/6 for the BOX, PIT 2/6, and GALLERY 1/3.
The performance to begin at 6 o'clock.

Vivant Rex & Regina.
No person can be admitted behind the
scenes.

N. B. Between the acts will be instrumental music,
consisting of French horns and trumpets.

COMMITTED to the gaol of Prince George, a
well made Negro man who calls himself JAMES,
and says he belongs to Burwell Brown upon Nottoway
river; has on an oznabrig shirt, cotton jacket,
and crocus trowsers. He is about 30 years of age,
and 5 feet 4 inches high. The owner is desirous to
take him away, and pay charges to

HENRY BATTE.

TAKEN up, on the head of Elk, in Bedford, a
middle sized black mare, about 4 feet 5 inches
high, her hip slipped, and her left thigh broke, brand-
ed on the near shoulder, but cannot tell with what.
has a hanging mane and switch tail, some saddle
spots, and some white hairs in her forehead and tail,
is a natural pacer, and about 11 years old. Posted,
and appraised to 6l.

THOMAS JONES MANION.

TAKEN up, in Bedford, a red steer, two or three
years old, marked with a crop and underkeel in
the right ear, and a slit in the left. Posted, and ap-
praised to 2l. 5s.

JOHN CHILES.

TAKEN up, in Prince George, a black horse, near
14 hands and a half high, branded on the near
buttock U. Posted, and appraised to 3l. 5s.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

TAKEN up, in Gloucester, a black steer, with a
slit in the right ear, and a piece taken off of the
left. Posted, and appraised to 3l.

WILLIAM DUVAL.

AGREEABLE to my former advertisement, on
Thursday the 10th of December will be exposed
to public sale, at the storehouse of the subscriber,
in Northumberland county, upwards of sixty fine
SLAVES, among which are several tradesmen and
house servants. Also on the same day, and the suc-
ceeding days, will be exposed to public sale, several
horses and mares, eighty head of neat cattle, forty
head of sheep, eighty head of hogs, some of which
will be fattened for bacon, three hundred and fifty
barrels of corn, twenty thousand pounds of tobacco,
two riding chairs with proper harness, and several
kinds of household and kitchen furniture, among which
is a handsome and genteel eight day moon clock quite
new, two copper stills of about thirty gallons each,
two writing desks and book cases, twelve feather beds,
with bedsteads, curtains, and all other furniture com-
pleat, plantation tools, and many other things too
tedious to mention. Likewise a sixty hoghead sloop
compleat, two years old last April, several plantations
or tracts of land, some of which are good, lying on
Dividing creek; the others are hearty, fit for tobacco,
wheat, or corn, are convenient to churches, courts,
and many mills, and fish and oysters in abundance;
on the dwelling plantation is a water grist mill, and
well situated for custom. All the said plantations are
in good order for cropping, with good and convenient
houses thereon. The subscriber will attend from the
26th of November to the day of sale, in order to shew
the lands to any persons that are desirous of purchas-
ing them. If the day appointed for this sale be bad,
so as to prevent people from repairing thither, it will
be held the next fair day, and every other succeeding
day, till all are sold. Some of the slaves will be sold
for ready money, and credit allowed for the others,
and lands and stocks, till April next, the purchasers
giving bond, with good security; the bonds to bear
interest from the date if not discharged when due.

JOHN HEATH.

TAKEN up, on the head of Elk, in Bedford, a
grey mare, about 4 feet 3 inches high, with a
hanging mane and switch tail, has a snip on her nose,
branded on the off buttock I, about 9 or 10 years old,
and trots altogether. Posted, and appraised to 5l.
THOMAS J. MANION.

On Monday the 28th of this instant (November) will
be SOLD, to the highest bidder, in Urbanna,

A TRACT of good LAND, containing 624
acres, agreeably situated on Pianketank river,
and convenient to church, mill, and warehouse.
Twelve months credit will be given the purchaser,
of whom will be expected a bond, with approved
security.

CHURCHILL JONES,
WILLIAM JONES.

TAKEN up, in Bedford, on Staunton river, a
brindle cow, with some white spots on her belly,
has on a small bell, with WM on it, marked with a
crop in the left ear, and a half crop in the right.
Posted, and appraised to 2l. 15s.

JOHN CHILES.

TAKEN up, in Spotylvania, a small red bull, two
years old last spring, has a short crop in the right
ear, and the left clipped above and below, which
makes it sharp.

JAMES CRAWFORD.

TAKEN up, on Mulberry Island, Richmond
county, a bay horse; four feet nine or ten inches
high, branded on the near buttock with three dots,
has a large bushy mane and switch tail, one or two
saddle spots, a small white star in his forehead, paces
slow, and appears to be 13 or 14 years old. Posted,
and appraised to 10l.

JOHN CREWDSON.

TAKEN up, in Cumberland, a red and white
steer, marked with a crop and underkeel in each
ear, and about 5 or 6 years old. Posted, and ap-
praised to 3l.

JESSE MEADOW.

TAKEN up, in Batetourt, a white mare about
13 hands high, 10 years old, trots naturally,
branded on the near shoulder J, and on the off shoul-
der J, on the off buttock P, and on the near buttock
with something that cannot be made out, has on an
old bell, and bell collar, with a large double buckle.
Posted, and appraised to 3l.

DAVID WALLACE.

TAKEN up, in Gloucester county, a small black
mare about 13 hands high, but no brand per-
ceivable. Posted, and appraised to 3l.

JOHN IVISON.

TAKEN up, in Cumberland a fatty black mare,
about 4 feet 6 inches high, paces tolerably
well, and neither docked nor branded. Posted, and
appraised to 8l.

JOHN BURTON.

TAKEN up, in Louisa, near the head of Little
River, a grey horse about 4 feet 6 or 7 inches
high, has a slit in one ear, but not branded. Posted,
and appraised to 2l.

ZACHEUS COSBY.

TAKEN up, on Rock Island creek, Buckingham
county, a bright bay mare, branded on the near
shoulder D, and on the near buttock C, has a bald
face, her hind feet white, is about four feet four
or five inches high, and eleven or twelve years old.
Appraised to 5l.

WILLIAM K. WEAKLAND.

To be SOLD, RENTED, or EXCHANGED, for back lands
in any of the northern counties in this colony,

A TRACT of six hundred acres, including about
two hundred of cleared land, lying on the north
side of Rappahannock river, opposite to the lower end
of Fredericksburg. On this tract (a little above the
road) is one of the most agreeable situations for a
house that is to be found upon the whole river, hav-
ing a clear and distinct view of almost every house in
the said town, and every vessel that passes to and
from it. Long credit, if desired, will be given, the
purchaser paying interest from the sale, and an in-
disputable title will be made. For further particu-
lars enquire of Col. Lewis in Fredericksburg, or the
subscriber in Fairfax.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

FOR SALE,

THE following TRACTS of LAND in Pitts-
vania county, viz. Four hundred acres on Ba-
nister river, 770 acres on Beaver creek, 345 acres on
Burch's creek, 380 acres on Leatherwood, 400 acres
on Snow creek.

These lands were formerly the property of Mr.
Samuel Gordon, deceased. The price, and time of
payment, may be known by applying to

JERMAN BAKER.

TO BE LET ON LEASE,

A VERY large and commodious HOUSE in the
town of Petersburg, built for a tavern, and well
fitted for that business; it is two stories high, has a
number of very convenient lodging rooms, and large
and small rooms for the entertainment of guests. Any
person qualified for the business of a tavern keeper,
with a proper capital, may find this as advantageous
a situation as any on the continent. Apply to the
subscriber, who lives on the premises.

THOMAS EGLETON.

TAKEN up, in Amelia, a black mare about three
years old, with a blaze face, her near hind foot
white, has no brand perceivable, and about 4 feet 4
inches high. Appraised to 6l.

EDWARD BOOKER.

To be SOLD, to the highest bidder, on Monday the
21st day of December, if fair, if not, the next fair
day, at Hobb's Hole, being Essex court day,

A VERY valuable tract of LAND, adjoining the
town of Tappahannock, containing about 700
acres, the soil inferior to none in the colony for
wheat, corn, or tobacco; also two lots in the said
town of Tappahannock, with houses on each. Twelve
months credit will be allowed, the purchasers giving
bond and security to

SARAH SCANDRETT,
GRIFFING BOUGHAN.

ABOUT the beginning of last month one Lewis
brought a waggon load of goods from Peter-
burg to this place, in a waggon belonging to one
Dennis, of Petersburg. After delivering the goods,
he carried his waggon to a blacksmith's shop, and
turned out the horses; there was a man along with
him, who called himself Adams, and said he was a
blacksmith looking for work. The night after they
delivered the goods they both disappeared, and next
morning two of my horses were missing; the horses
were raised in this neighbourhood, and would not
run away. Lewis left the waggon and team at the
smith's shop, and every thing belonging to them,
except two saddles; and he and Adams have been
since seen with three horses in their possession on the
road that leads from Petersburg to Carolina. From
this I conclude that mine were stolen, and that they
stole them. I will give TEN POUNDS to any per-
son that will apprehend either or both of them with
the horses, and secure them so that the law may take
its course, and FIVE POUNDS more for delivering
the horses to Mr. James Donald at Rocky Ridge, or
to me at Bedford courthouse. The description of the
horses is as follows: A white gelding about 4 feet
10 inches high, 7 years old, hanging mane and switch
tail, a natural pacer, branded with I on the shoul-
der, and A on the buttock; a bay of the same height
and age, roached mane and switch tail, a natural
pacer, and branded B on the buttock.

BEDFORD courthouse, } ROBERT DONALD.

October 15, 1772.

TAKEN up, in Buckingham, on Appomattox ri-
ver, an old black mare and colt, branded on
the near shoulder T, and has a slit in her left ear.
The colt is neither docked nor branded, and has a
little white in his forehead. Posted, and appraised
to 6l.

GEORGE WRIGHT.

TAKEN up, in Sussex, on the Poplar Swamp, a
bay mare about 4 feet 7 inches high, appears to
be 10 or 12 years old, has had a fistula, branded on
the near shoulder SI, and appears to have had a sprain
in her right hind leg, as it is greatly swelled.

AMOS NEWSUM.

TAKEN up, in Charlotte, at Little Roanoke
bridge, a small sorrel mare, about 4 years old,
4 feet 4 or 5 inches high, paces naturally, has a star
in her forehead, hanging mane and sprig tail, and
branded on the near buttock N. Posted, and ap-
praised to 3l.

GEORGE THOMSON.

THE following genteel assortment of MILLI-
NERY, just imported in the Induistry, Captain
Lowes, is now selling off by MANN and ALEX-
STRACHAN, at their shop in Richmond town, for
ready money, or short credit: Full suits of rich
minionet and blond lace, suits of deep and second
mourning, full suits of plain book muslin and gauze,
suits of headclothes for young Ladies of different
ages, a variety of laced caps, gauze ditto, dressed
and undressed, blond and Italian stomachers and
knots, ribband, sheneal, and silk ditto, net hoods,
plain and figured patent ditto, black and white pa-
tent mits, gauze hoods, childrens sashes and terecias,
boys fatten caps and feathers, Ladies riding hats,
mode and fatten cardinals and bonnets of different
colours, persian and black ruffet quilts, thick and
book muslin, half yard wide ditto, striped muslins,
plain and figured gauze, spiderweb ditto, coarse and
fine catgut, striped bordered gauze handkerchiefs,
book and thick muslin ditto, worked muslin aprons,
honeycomb and other new fashioned ribband, ruffs,
velvet collars, beaded and spangled ditto, a variety
of fashionable necklaces and earrings, genteel wed-
ding and other fans in cases, black paper and gauze
ditto, fashionable woolpacks, French kid gloves and
mits, coloured lamb and black glazed ditto, blond
and minionet laces, edging and lappet, a variety of
gauze and other fashionable ribbands, Jacob's ladder,
white and coloured sack and gown trimmings
and sheneals, bunch and skeleton wire, head and
breast flowers, French and Italian ditto, fatten and
calimanco shoes, mens Didbury ditto, mens buckskin
and kid gloves, tabby and ticking stays, long lawns
and humhums, paste combs, plain tortoiseshell ditto,
Venetian pearl, marcasite and paste pins and frigs,
paste knee and stockbuckles, plain pitchbeck ditto,
womens shoebuckles double salt, marcasite and gar-
net lockets, a variety of new fashioned morocco pocket
books, Whitechapel needles, pins, threads, tapes, pen-
knives, scissors, toothpick cases, dressed dolls, toy
fiddles, filligree watches, and other toys, &c.

All kinds of MILLINERY made in the
newest taste.

HANDYER TOWN, October 25, 1772.
I HAVE appointed Mr. Alexander M. Aul, successor to the deceased Mr. Alexander Henderson, in the collection of the debts owing Messrs. Donald, Scott, and company, at Bedford. As the accounts are now all due, and indulgencies having been granted to many of the debtors of that store, it is now fully expected that they will make settlements with, and speed payments to, the collector. Any failure in this respect will occasion the most disagreeable, yet unavoidable steps, to enforce payments.
JAMES DENNISTOUN.

MECKLENBURG, November 10, 1772.
F O R S A L E.
A TRACT of LAND containing 812 acres, whereon the subscriber now lives; there is a good dwellinghouse, and all others convenient for family; also land cleared, with barns thereon, sufficient for six or seven hands, and large orchards of apples and peaches. The land joins Mr. Lewis Burwell's on the Hopsen creek. It is needless to say anything about the quality, as I suppose no person would chuse to purchase without viewing it. I have another tract of unenclosed land, lying in Prince Edward, that I should be glad to dispose of, containing 318 acres on the branches of Boyer river, about seven miles from the courthouse. Also another tract of unenclosed land lying in Halifax county, containing 370 acres, on the branches of Straight Stone creek.
THOMAS CARLETON.

G E O R G E the Third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the faith, &c. To James Edmondson, administrator, &c. of William Ramsay, deceased, and the heirs at law of the said William, greeting: We command you and firmly injoin that, all other matters and excuses whatsoever set aside, in your proper person, you be and appear before our Justices of our General Court, in chancery, at the Capitol in Williamsburg, on the first day of the next court, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against you by James Ritchie and company. And this you shall in no wise omit under the penalty of each of you 100l. Witness John Earl of Dunmore, our Lieutenant and Governor General, at Williamsburg, the 5th day of November, in the 13th year of our reign. **BEN: WALLER.**

TAKEN up, in Norfolk, on the 25th of October, one James McFALLING, with two Negroes and a Mulatto in his possession (whom it is imagined he stole) one of which belonged to Doctor Lyon in Baltimore, and the Mulatto answers exactly the description of the fellow advertised by Mary Purnall, in Mr. Bird's Gazette of the 29th of October, but will not confess that he belongs to any one. The said McFALLING brought them here in a small schooner of about 25 feet keel, which it is thought he also stole, and is now in our possession. Their respective owners are desired to apply, and prove their property.
JAMES ATKINSON,
BARNABAS LORRAIN.

RUN away from the subscriber, near Fauquier courthouse, on Sunday the 24th of October, a Negro woman named MILLA, of a yellow complexion, short and likely; had on a short striped Virginia cloth gown and petticoat, ornabrig shift and bonnet. I understand the endeavours to pass for a free woman. Whoever apprehends the said Negro so that I may get her, shall be well rewarded by
JOHN HUDNALL.

To be SOLD, on the premises, on Monday the 22d of December next, if fair, if not, the next fair day.

A VALUABLE tract of LAND in Gloucester county, adjoining the seat of Jonathan Watson, Esquire, containing about 1800 acres, on which are all necessary houses for a plantation, in very good repair, and land enclosed sufficient to work thirty hands. There is on the said land a fine swamp for a meadow, about ten acres of which are already cleared; also an orchard of Hughes's apples, and several other choice fruits. Twelve months credit will be allowed for one half the purchase money, and two years for the remainder, upon bond, and approved security.
JOHN FOX.

* * * The above land is very convenient to navigation, &c. and will be shewn to any person inclined to purchase by applying to John Dudley, overseer, on the premises.

As the same time and place will be SOLD, A VALUABLE tract of LAND, containing 400 acres, now in the possession of Robert Kemp known by the name of Col. Buckner's Dragon Quarter, with all convenient houses thereon, adjoining Turk's ferry. The land is exceeding good for tobacco and grain. Also a number of valuable SLAVES Likewise rocks of all sorts. The time of payment will be agreed on at the day of sale. Good titles will be made by
THOMAS WHITING.

TAKEN up, in Cumberland, a red and white steer, has a crop in the right ear, and a swallow fork in the left. Posted, and appraised to 11. 10s.
JOHN SKIPP HARRIS

NORFOLK, November 3, 1772.
To be LET on CHARTER, for GLASGOW, or any port in GREAT BRITAIN,

THE new brig MERCURY, James Duncan, master, about 230 hogheads burthen; she will be ready to take in by the 20th instant. For terms apply to Mr. Charles Duncan, merchant in Blandford, or the subscribers.

LOGAN, GILMOUR, and company.
Who have imported a complete assortment of **FALL GOODS**; to be sold reasonably, for cash, on short credit.

T H R E E P O U N D S R E W A R D
FOR taking up, and bringing home, NAT and CATO, two runaway slaves, belonging to the subscriber, living in Middlesex. These fellows made their elopement on Monday the 9th instant, and took with them DOLL and SARAH, belonging to Joseph Gayle, of the said county. NAT is a tall stout mad fellow, about 35 years old, of a dark complexion badly shaped about the knees, has had for some time a rupture, for which he wears a truss, and may probably have it on when taken. He is not a Virginian born fellow, though he speaks very plain, unless frightened, then apt to stammer. CATO is a short black fellow, about 40 years old, not a Virginian born either, but speaks tolerably plain. DOLL, a short well made woman, of a yellowish complexion, about 25 years old, and wife to NAT. SARAH, daughter of DOLL, a girl about 16 years old, of a very dark complexion. Mr. Gayle offers a reward of FORTY HILLINGS to any person that will bring home DOLL and Sarah, or TWENTY SHILLINGS for each, if taken within this colony, and if out thereof FIVE POUNDS. I mean to pay the above reward of THREE POUNDS, offered for NAT and CATO, if they are taken within this colony, and twenty miles from home, or THIRTY SHILLINGS for each; and if taken out of this colony, EIGHT POUNDS, or FOUR POUNDS for each. It is imagined these Negroes will endeavour to get out of the colony, as NAT has attempted it once before; therefore all masters of vessels are cautioned from carrying them away.
GEORGE BIRD.

COMMITTED to Suffolk gaol, on the 25th of October, a stout well made Negro man named JACK, about 5 feet 6 inches high, and says he belongs to Mr. John Chisum of Lunenburg county; has on an old crocus shirt and trowsers. The owner is desired to apply for him, and pay charges.
NATHANIEL WYCHE, gaoler.

STRAYED from Burwell's ferry, near Williamsburg, about the middle of September, 1769, a dark bay horse, about 5 feet high, near 6 years old, and branded on the near buttock A. Whoever brings the said horse to John Crawley, near Williamsburg shall have TWENTY SHILLINGS reward.
JOHN MCCLURE.

TAKEN up, in Albemarle, near the great mountains, a bay mare, branded on the near shoulder buttock, and rump, IC, has a switch tail and hanging mane, a star on her forehead, and a lump on her belly. Appraised to 3l.
JAMES WHAREY.

TAKEN up, in Mecklenburg, a bright bay horse about 12 years old, has a star in his forehead, and some saddle spots, about 4 feet 6 inches high, paces slow, and branded on the near buttock WL in a piece. Posted, and appraised to 3l. 10s.
THOMAS NETHERY.

TAKEN up, on John's creek, in Botetourt, a roan mare, about 13 hands 3 inches high, 11 years old, has a small star in her forehead, a natural pacer, and branded on the near shoulder IC. Posted, and appraised to 9l.
EDWARD CARVIN.

AS the store formerly kept by Alexander Stewart at Rocky Ridge, for James and Robert Donald, and company, is now broke up, and the debts put into my hands to collect, all those indebted for dealings there are desired to pay off their accounts immediately, or settle their balances by bond; and those who have any demands against the store are desired to apply to me for payment.
PATRICK HUNTER.

Who has for sale a TRACT of LAND lying on the forks of Roanoke, in Mecklenburg county, containing about 600 acres, on which is an exceeding good dwellinghouse, storehouse, and other necessary buildings, as also several valuable improvements. As the land lies within sixteen miles of the courthouse and eighty from Petersburg, it would answer any person very well who intends keeping a back store.

TAKEN up, in King George, a grey horse, branded on the near buttock LR, and about three feet nine inches high. Posted, and appraised to 2l.
WILLIAM BRYAN.

TAKEN up, in Louisa, a fleabitten mare about 4 feet 6 inches high, branded on the near buttock C, paces well, and appears to be very old.
RICHARD PHILLIPS, sen.

THE assignees legally chosen on a commission of bankruptcy against Messrs. Robert and Robert Bogle and Scott, of London, merchants, having, by a power of attorney, appointed Robert Gilchrist, James Robb, and William Bogle, jointly and severally their attorneys here, we give notice to all persons indebted to those Gentlemen that one or both of us will attend in Williamsburg during the time the merchants are doing business this court, in order to receive such debts. We hope, when Messrs. Bogle and Scott's present circumstances are considered, that we shall be excused for doing immediate diligence on such who fail paying off their balances at this court. Note, Messrs. Edward and Rene Payne have joined the assignees in the power of attorney to us, and at the same time have revoked their power formerly sent the Honourable John Taylor, Esquire, and Mr. Archibald Ritchie.
ROBERT GILCHRIST,
JAMES ROBB.

NORFOLK, August 1, 1772.
AS I intend for Britain soon, I must beg the favour of all persons who have any dealings with Logan, Gilmour, and company, to have their accounts ready to settle at the next General Court. The business will be continued to its usual extent.
ROBERT GILMOUR.

G E O R G E the Third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the faith, &c. To John Morris, greeting: We command and firmly injoin you, that, all other matters and excuses whatsoever set aside, in your proper person, you be and appear before our Justices of our General Court, in chancery, at the Capitol in Williamsburg, the first day of the next court, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against you by Hudson Mufe. And this you shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of 100l. And have then there this writ. Witness John Earl of Dunmore, our Lieutenant and Governor General, at Williamsburg, the 10th day of October, in the 13th year of our reign.
BEN: WALLER.

To be SOLD, to the highest bidder, on Friday the 20th of November, at the town of Beaufort, in Essex county, on Rappahannock river,

MY tract of LAND adjoining the said town, containing 150 acres, with a number of lots, some of which have good improvements suitable for both merchant and ordinary keeper. There is a ferry, and ferry boat, belonging to me, will be sold with the land. I have several horses, and a good stock of both cattle, and hogs, will be sold the same day. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaser giving bond and security to
THOMAS LEY.

TAPPAHANNOCK, October 10, 1772.
I HAVE for sale a genteel two story house in this place, pleasantly situated on the river, with necessary outhouses, a warehouse, and garden well walled in, which may be had on reasonable terms. All persons indebted to me are requested to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands to make them known.
ARCHIBALD MCALL.

TAKEN up, in Bedford, on Molly's creek, a bay mare, about 4 feet 4 inches high, with two glass eyes, branded on the near shoulder TM in a piece, and on the near buttock L, has some saddle spots, one hind foot white, and about 14 years old. Posted, and appraised to 5l.
ROBERT MEANS.

WARWICK, November 1, 1772.
THE subscriber has for sale about five thousand acres of LAND, lying in different parts of Pittsylvania county, and mostly upon Smith's river, the soil of which is well calculated either for making tobacco or hemp. The terms may be known by applying to John Rowland, who lives near the land, and will shew it to any person inclining to purchase.
PATRICK HUNTER.

WARWICK, October 14, 1772.
AS the STORE lately kept by Mr. Andrew French, of Prince Edward county, for Messrs. Alexander Spiers, John Bowman, and company, is now under the management of Mr. Andrew Mackenzie, all persons that have accounts open and unsettled on that store's books, for dealings with Mr. French, are required to apply before the first of December next, as no discount or contract of his will be admitted unless made known before he leaves the country. The business at that store will be carried on to its usual extent.
JAMES FAIRLIE.

To be LET, to the lowest bidder, on Saturday the 28th of November next, at Kemp's landing, in the county of Princess Anne, and parish of Lynhaven,

THE building of a BRICK CHAPEL, in the upper end of the said parish, 75 by 30. The terms of payment will be made known at the time of letting the same to the undertaker, who is to provide all materials, and give bond, with approved security, for the performance of the work, to the commissioners appointed for that purpose.